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SUBJ: COUNSELOR TITLE REQUEST X R PAO

1. BRUCE R. KOCH, FSIO-3, RECENTLY ARRIVED PRAGUE AS PAO WITH DIPLOMATIC TITLE "FIRST SECRETARY" UNDER CURRENT GUIDELINES FOR CLASS IV MISSIONS.
2. UNDER PROVISIONS OF 6 FAM 614.3(B), I ASK DEPARTMENT AND ICA REQUEST DIRECTOR GENERAL CONSIDERATION IN CONFERRING DIPLOMATIC TITLE OF "COUNSELOR" FOR PAO KOCH.
3. JUSTIFICATION: I BELIEVE THE COUNSELOR TITLE WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE KOCH'S ABILITY EFFECTIVELY DEAL WITH GOC OFFICIALS. THIS PARTICULARLY TRUE CONCERNING CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS.
4. ADDITIONALLY, IN PRAGUE OUR CULTURAL PROGRAM IS MORE OR LESS MAINSTAY IN U.S.-GOC BILATERAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES. THE LACK OF COUNSELOR RANK FOR PAO SIMPLY CREATES ONE MORE OBSTACLE IN ALREADY DIFFICULT SITUATION. CONSIDERING LEVEL OF CONTACT PAO REQUIRED MAINTAIN WITH BOTH GOC

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AND FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AND FACT HE IS ICA HEAD OF AGENCY IN PRAGUE, I STRONGLY FEEL LACK OF COUNSELOR TITLE THIS CASE WOULD HAMPER NOT ONLY KOCH'S EFFECTIVENESS, BUT COULD ALSO HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON EMBASSY RELATIONS WITH MANY CONTACTS WHICH TRADITIONALLY MAINTAINED THROUGH PRESS AND CULTURAL SECTION.

5. I THEREFORE BELIEVE THIS REQUEST JUSTIFIED
UNDER REGULATIONS 6 FAM 614.3(B) WHICH PROVIDES
EXCEPTION FOR USE COUNSELOR TITLE BY CLASS 3
OFFICERS AT CLASS IV MISSIONS WHEN "...LACK OF
SUCH TITLE WOULD CONSTITUTE A MAJOR IMPAIRMENT
TO THE EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE OF THE OFFICER'S
DUTIES OR THE FUNCTION OF THE MISSION."

6. PLEASE ADVISE.
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